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## **MINORITY HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Providence Housing Authority –50 Laurel Hill Ave, Providence**

**September 28, 2009**

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- I. Call meeting to Order: Julie Rawlings, MHAC Co-Chair
- II. Welcome from Host Agency: Bartola Ovalles
- III. Review of Minutes: Julie Rawlings
- IV. Emergency Preparedness Update (Health)
- V. Hospital Mergers Update (Health)
- VI. Legislative Recommendations for subcommittee
- VII. Minority Health Advisory Business
  - \_ OMH State Office Updates:
    - National OMH Plan of Action Update (Health)
    - NERMH Conference State Break Out Session Planning (Health & MHAC)
    - State Agency Partner Updates: All Present
  - \_ Sub committee Updates: Committee Chairs
- VIII. Open Comments / Discussion: Aleatha Dickerson
- MHAC Members Community/ Organizational Updates

Questions for consideration:

What are the H1N1 health related concerns facing communities of color?

What legislation in the current session will impact health disparities?

How can OMH maximize the state breakout sessions during the NERMH Conference?

I. Information about the National Partnership for Action is available for review at:

<http://www.omhrc.gov/npa/templates/browse.aspx?lvl=1&lvlid=11>

### ***Next Meeting***

***Meetings are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month from 9:00-11:00 am. The next meeting is on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> Genesis Center***